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In re application of:
Dr.-Ing Peter Amborn, et al **DECISION ON PETITION**
Serial No.: 09/286,524
Filed: April 6, 1999

For: TUBULAR CONNECTION

This is a decision on the petition received on April 3, 2000, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed April 28, 1999. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned July 1, 1999. The notice was mailed on March 16, 2000.

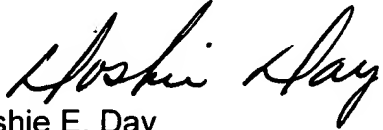
On April 3, 2000, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on September 30, 1999.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on September 30, 1999.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 3752.

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